

Saltash Area Newsletter

March 2025



St Michael Landrake



St Mary Botus Fleming



St Terninus St Erney



SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash



St Stephens Saltash



SS Leonard & Dilpe, Landulph

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Our First Year Together

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I look back over the past year since I began my journey as your Priest in Charge, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and reflection. It seems impossible that 12 months have passed, yet in that time, so much has been achieved, and so much more remains to be done!

When I first stepped into this role, I shared with you three watchwords that I believed were essential for our journey together: **Unity**, **Stability**, and **Joy**. These have been the guiding principles for me, and I hope that they have shaped our shared experience over the past year.

Unity

Unity has been at the heart of much of our work. One of the first steps I took was to bring together five of our Parochial

Church Councils (PCCs). With the support of many of you, we have worked on how we might better collaborate and share our resources and ideas. It has been wonderful to see the growth in understanding, communication, and shared vision among these groups. We are stronger together, and it has been a privilege to facilitate those conversations and witness the spirit of cooperation unfold.

Stability

Stability has been crucial in the midst of change. As you know, we have worked to adapt to new patterns of worship and to bring a fresh sense of rhythm to our church life. These changes, though sometimes challenging, have brought new opportunities for spiritual growth, and I have seen how they have allowed us to



Tuesday 4 March
3-5pm, St Stephen's Church
Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Monday 10 March
7pm, Ploughboy
MOSSAF

Tuesday 11 March
2pm, St Stephen's Church
Mothers' Union

Wednesday 12 March
10-11.30am
St Stephen's Church
Coffee, Cake & Chat and
Children's Society Box
Opening

Saturday 15 March
3-5pm, St Stephen's Church
Messy Church

Monday 17 March
2-4pm, SSNF Church Rooms
Craft Afternoon

Wednesday 19 March
10.30am
St Mary's Church Hall
Coffee Morning

Friday 21 March
Noon
S.T.A.R.T.

Saturday 22 March
10am to 1pm
SSNF Church Rooms
Bacon Butties

Saturday 5 April
10am to 1pm
St Stephen's Church
Easter Fair

Saturday 29 April
St Michael's Church
Birthday Concert
Details to follow

ChurchSuite

As a Benefice we are moving across to a computer system called ChurchSuite. It'll take some time to be fully integrated but we are starting by asking you to register yourself on the system and to complete your application for the electoral roll in this way. I know technology we're unfamiliar with can be scary. But I'm certain that we will all work together to learn the system and to help each other and soon we'll forget we did it in any other way! If you do not have access to the internet you can ask in the office for a paper copy of the electoral roll form.

The new system is fully compliant with data protection and privacy and eventually will reduce the admin burden on many roles in the Benefice. It will also make communication easier as we'll be able to send you weekly updates.

Please register for churchsuite on our website: saltashteamministry.org/churchsuite.html



MARCH SERVICES

Sunday 2 March

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Morning Worship

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Family Morning Worship

St Leonard & St Dilpe, Landulph

10am Holy Communion
with Bishop Graham

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.30am Holy Communion

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins

St Mary, Botus Fleming

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 9 March

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Morning Worship

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.30am Morning Worship

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 16 March

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evensong

St Leonard & St Dilpe, Landulph

10am Morning Worship

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.30am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Morning Worship

Sunday 23 March

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Morning Worship

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10.30am Morning Worship

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Morning Worship

Sunday 30 March

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

10am United Service

Ash Wednesday 5 March

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion
& Imposition of Ashes

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

7.30pm Holy Communion
& Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday 19 March

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am Holy Communion

deepen our worship, making it more accessible and meaningful for all. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the ministry team and churchwardens for their tireless efforts in this process. Their willingness to step up, take on new responsibilities, and work together has been a joy to witness.

Joy

Joy has been the undercurrent of all that we have achieved. In our work together, we have experienced the joy of new friendships, the joy of deepening faith, and the joy of serving God and each other in this community. It is my prayer that we continue to nurture this spirit of joy in the year ahead through our worship, our fellowship, and our mission in the world.

Looking ahead, I am excited for what the future holds. We have accomplished much, but there is so much more we can do as we continue to grow in faith, hope, and love. Together, with the unity, stability, and joy that has defined this past year, I believe we can face the future with confidence and trust in God's guidance. Thank you for all the love,

support, and encouragement you have shown me and my family. It has been an honour to serve as your Priest in Charge, and I look forward to all that God will continue to do in the proposed new Kernow Gateway Benefice.

Dursona,

Rev'd Laura



Bank the Food

Point your mobile phone camera at this QR code. Click the link to download the 'Bank the Food' App.

This will enable you to see which items Saltash Foodbank needs now!



Make a difference!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl, the Co-op or at the back of St Stephen's or SSNF Churches and/or donate money via the Foodbank:

saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money

Prayer for Unity

Heavenly Father,
you have called us in the
Body of your Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of
reconciliation
and reveal you to the world:
forgive us the sins which tear
us apart; give us the courage
to overcome our fears and to
seek that unity which is your
gift and your will;

through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Amen

Historic Places of Worship

1. How many churches are there on Antarctica?
a) 0 b) 3 c) 8 d) 15?
2. What do you call a group of gargoyles?
3. Islam, Judaism and Christianity each have a holy book setting out religious teachings. Name them.
4. Pope Urban VII issued the first ever smoking ban, stopping the use of tobacco products inside churches. In what year? a) 1490 b) 1590 c) 1690 d) 1790?
5. Goblin, Ghost and Vampire are all types of what?
6. What is the largest part of a church?
7. The mosque formerly known as the 'London Jamme Masjid' was established in 1743. Before it became a mosque, the same building was used as a church and also a synagogue to serve multiple refugee communities fleeing religious persecution from Europe. Can you name the street it is on, famous for refugee settlement, art and international cuisine?
8. How many Archbishops of Canterbury have been murdered?

Answers on p4

St Erney



The snowdrops at St Erney are looking fabulous and the primroses are on their way. Do drop in to see them, if you can. The church is open as part of the Quiet Celtic Places scheme from 10am-3pm on Mondays & Thursdays.

Services resume at St Erney on 2 March at 11.15am.

Recent Events

Valentine's High Tea

The Valentine's High Tea was a great afternoon with a friendly atmosphere, and although there were only about 24/25 people including the social committee, everyone enjoyed their tea, chat and afternoon. Good feedback has been received, and the remains of the cakes left over were used after Morning Service the next day, together with tea or coffee.

Thank you to every one who attended, it was good to see you, and special thanks must also go to our social committee for all their hard work with the catering.

The lucky ticket winner for the basket of fruit was Mrs Kay Gill.

MOSSAF

MOSSAF (Men of St Stephen's and friends) returns on Monday 10 March at 7pm with an evening at the Ploughboy Inn, where we can socialise and catch up with each other and maybe even enjoy a game of pool or darts.

Subs of £7 for the year are now due please and can be paid at our first meeting or in advance to Roger Rowse or Steve Hookway.

New members are always very welcome. For more information on MOSSAF please speak to Steve Hookway on 07855 600241 or email stevhookway@hotmail.com.

We have another filled diary with Guest Speakers, Ten Pin Bowling Night, A guided tour of St John's Church Hooe and meals out.



Donations, Please

Can you help support St Stephen's Church Easter Fair on Saturday 5 April, by kindly donating Easter Eggs or other Easter items for their Bumper Easter Egg Raffle?

If so, then please leave them in the box at the back of the church marked Raffle Prizes or in the Office on Wednesdays or Thursdays (9.30am to 2.30pm).

Your support is much appreciated.



Recent Events continued

Messy Church



We were delighted to welcome 78 people into Messy Church on Saturday 15 February. Their ages ranged from small toddlers up to Grandmas. Of course, on the day after Valentine's Day our theme for the afternoon was LOVE – love from God, for God and for others.

St Stephens was filled with red, pink and many other colours of hearts. Why hearts? Well we all agreed that it is where love lived and shines forth from. We had dangly, bouncy hearts, love cards, suncatchers and Valentine biscuits to decorate. Many thanks go to our craft leaders for their help.

Our Worship considered *What is Love?* and we decided that it is: Providing For; Listening to God and Others; Caring; Sharing; Service; Sacrifice; and Enjoyment – there is nothing better at making you happy than giving love. The children gave us many examples of fulfilling all these parts of love during our lives.

Following our prayers and the Messy Grace, we shared a buffet tea kindly prepared by Sylvia and Carol and much enjoyed by everyone.

Our theme on the third Saturday in March will be SPRING and hopefully we shall be feeling the effects of this season by then!

Answers to Quiz on page 3

1. c) 8
2. The collective noun for gargoyles is 'An Audacity'
3. Islam – Quran, Judaism – Torah Christianity – Bible
4. b) 1590 (he was Pope for just thirteen days – the shortest reigning Pope in the history of the Catholic Church)
5. Bats
6. The Nave
7. Brick Lane, the Brick Lane Jamme Masjid.
8. In total 5 archbishops have been murdered: Alphege (bludgeoned by drunken Danes), Thomas Becket (assassinated by knights), Simon Sudbury (beheaded in the Peasants' Revolt), Thomas Cranmer (burned at the stake), and William Laud (beheaded for treason).

Coming Up

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Tuesday, 4 March

3pm to 5pm in St Stephen's Church



Two pancakes and a drink

(tea, coffee or squash)

adults £4, children £2.

Children's Society Box Opening

St Stephen's Church

10am to 11.30am

Wednesday

12 March



If you don't have a box, please come along for coffee and cake. All money raised will go to the Children's Society.

There will also be a bring and buy table.

Craft Afternoon

Monday 17 March and every 3rd Monday

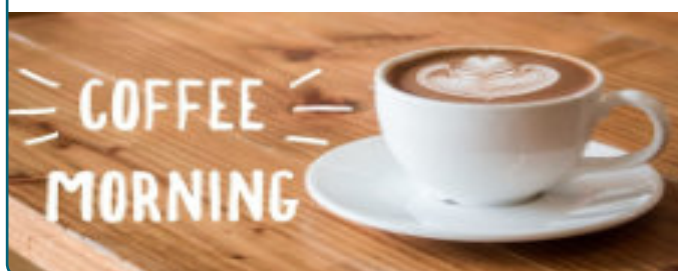
2pm to 4pm in SSNF Church Rooms



Coffee Morning

From 10.30am, Wednesday 19 March

St Mary's Church Hall, Botus Fleming



Coming Up continued

Bacon Butties

10am to 1pm, Saturday 22 March
St Nicholas & St Faith Church Rooms



Start the day with friends and a bacon buttie at St Nicks

Easter Fair

Saturday 5 April

10am to 1pm in St Stephen's Church

- Refreshments
- Food and Craft Stalls
- Easter Egg Tombola
- Bumper Easter Raffle
- Side Stalls
- Books, Stationery, Cards
- And Much More!



St Michael's Birthday Concert

Saturday, 26 April

St Michael's Church, Landrake

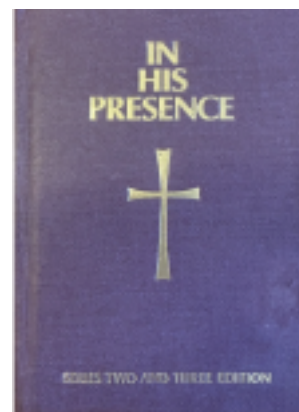


Details to follow

From the Archives

Andy Evans

On one of my “sorting out” sessions at St Nick's, I came across a little A7 book entitled *In His Presence* – Series 2 & 3 Editions from 1973 by the Rev'd Denis E Taylor, a former Dean of Brisbane, Australia. It is a prayer book and guide to “Confirmation, Communion and Church Teaching”. It made me think that in the fifty years since this book was first published of how much has changed in the Church of England and what hasn't changed.



The first part of the book explains **What is Prayer?**, **What is the Church?** and **What is the Holy Communion?**

It goes on to explain about prayer and the parts of prayer being modelled on ACTS:

Adoration, **C**onfession, **T**hanksgiving and **S**upplication.

Adoration – First love, adore and praise God in whom we live and move and have our being. Praise him for his noble acts, praise him for his excellent greatness. Adore him for Jesus Christ. Love him because he first loved us and gave himself for us.

Confession – A sense of all that God is, and all he does for us at once brings home our own unworthiness, how often we fail to live up to our own ideals, how poor our fight against temptation, how weak our efforts to pray better, how uncostly our work for others and for our Lord. So we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Thanksgiving – is the knowledge that when we are truly sorry, and mean to do better, we are forgiven.

Supplication – Having adored God, having confessed our sinfulness. Having thanked him for all his goodness and loving kindness, then we ask him for more blessings.

It then goes on to give various prayers suitable for Morning & Evening prayer.

Looking just at “Prayer” over these 50 years reminds me that how much religion has changed. In those days religion played a bigger role in our daily lives than it does today, which is borne out in the notable change in the sizes of our congregations.

This book made me think of my confirmation training, back in the days of Fr Boyes. Next month, I will cover the section **What is the Church?**

Dear March Come in

Dear March – Come in –
How glad I am –
I hoped for you before –
Put down your Hat –
You must have walked –
How out of Breath you are –
Dear March, how are you, and the Rest –
Did you leave Nature well –
Oh March, come right upstairs with me –
I have so much to tell –

I got your Letter, and the Birds –
The Maples never knew that you were coming –
I declare - how Red their Faces grew –
But March, forgive me –
And all those Hills you left for me to Hue –
There was no Purple suitable –
You took it all with you –

Who knocks? That April –
Lock the Door –
I will not be pursued –
He stayed away a Year to call
When I am occupied –
But trifles look so trivial
As soon as you have come

That blame is just as dear as Praise
And Praise as mere as Blame –

Emily Dickinson (1830 – 1886)

Archdeacon's Visitation

Monday 2 June at 7pm

Our Benefice will be hosting the Visitation. As it is for both East and West Wivelshire Deaneries this time, it will be a busy night.

We will need food contributions and volunteers from across the Benefice to help set up and clear down so please keep an eye out for sign up sheets that will be circulating soon.

Messy Church

Sandra McKee is stepping down from Messy Church, we thank her for her long service in keeping Messy Church going.



It's now time to review how we reach out to our families in the Benefice. There will not be a Messy Church in May but there will be a meeting (date to be announced) for anyone interested in working with families and engaging children in learning about our faith. This is a Benefice wide discussion and will help us discern the way forward.



A big thank you to our Electoral Roll officers. This year is a complete renewal of the electoral

roll so everyone will need to fill in an online ChurchSuite form or ask at the office for a paper copy. This new system will make the job a lot easier as it will automatically generate the reports the Electoral Roll Officers need.

A special mention to Glenda Sollick who is retiring this year after 25 years in post! Thank you Glenda for your service.

Annual Reports

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting season is nearly upon us. Please help your PCC Secretaries and Treasurers by getting information and data to them quickly. Reports and accounts have to be approved at the meeting before the APCM so they have to be written well in advance. We have vacancies for Churchwardens, Treasurers and other roles so please do pray for the right people to come forward and also consider how you might serve.

Please email articles for the next issue to: newsletter@saltashteamministry.org by 20 March